



EB-2014-0301
EB-2014-0072

IN THE MATTER OF the *Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998*,
S.O. 1998, c. 15, (Schedule B);

AND IN THE MATTER OF an application by Essex
Powerlines Corporation for an order approving just and
reasonable rates and other charges for electricity distribution
to be effective May 1, 2015.

BEFORE: Marika Hare
Presiding Member

Allison Duff
Member

Rate Order
June 18, 2015

On June 9, 2015, the OEB issued a Decision and Order in the Essex Powerlines Corporation (Essex Powerlines) combined proceeding for its final smart meter installation costs application (EB-2014-0301) and for its annual Price Cap Incentive Rate-Setting adjustment application relating to rates for the 2015 rate year (EB-2014-0072).

Essex Powerlines filed a draft Rate Order on June 12, 2015, as directed in the Decision and Order. OEB staff subsequently filed a submission concerning the draft Rate Order, noting one typographical error in the “effective until date” for the tax change rate rider. In its reply submission, Essex Powerlines made the applicable correction.

No submissions on the draft Rate Order were received from any other party.

The OEB agrees with the correction and is satisfied that the draft Rate Order accurately reflects the Decision and Order issued June 9, 2015.

THE OEB ORDERS THAT:

1. The Tariff of Rates and Charges set out in Appendix A of this Rate Order, with the exception of the interim rate riders for the recovery of Group 1 deferral and variance account balances, will become final effective June 1, 2015. Essex Powerlines Corporation shall notify its customers of the rate changes no later than the delivery of the first bill reflecting the new rates.

DATED at Toronto, June 18, 2015

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD

Original signed by

Kirsten Walli
Board Secretary

Appendix “A”

To Rate Order

Tariff of Rates and Charges

Board Order No: EB-2014-0301 and EB-2014-0072

Dated: June 18, 2015

Essex Powerlines Corporation

TARIFF OF RATES AND CHARGES

Effective and Implementation Date June 1, 2015

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RESIDENTIAL SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification refers to an account taking electricity at 750 volts or less where the electricity is used exclusively in a separately metered living accommodation. Customers shall be residing in single-dwelling units that consist of a detached house or one unit of a semi-detached, duplex, triplex or quadruplex house, with a residential zoning. Separately metered dwellings within a town house complex or apartments building also qualify as residential customers. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

APPLICATION

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MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Delivery Component

Service Charge	\$	12.94
Rate Rider for Smart Metering Entity Charge – effective until October 31, 2018	\$	0.79
Rate Rider for Disposition of Residual Historical Smart Meter Costs – effective until April 30, 2016	\$	(0.04)
Rate Rider for Recovery of Smart Meter Incremental Revenue Requirement – effective until April 30, 2016	\$	1.17
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0152
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0010
Rate Rider for Application of Tax Change (2015) – effective until April 30, 2016	\$/kWh	(0.0002)
Rate Rider 1 for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2015) – approved on an interim basis and effective until April 30, 2016	\$/kWh	(0.0066)
Rate Rider 2 for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2015) – approved on an interim basis and effective until April 30, 2016, applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	(0.0053)
Rate Rider 3 for Disposition of Deferral and Variance Accounts (2015) – approved on an interim basis and effective until April 30, 2017	\$/kWh	(0.0023)
Rate Rider 4 for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2015) – approved on an interim basis and effective until April 30, 2018, applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	0.0066
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0071
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0034

MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Regulatory Component

Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0044
Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection Charge (RRRP)	\$/kWh	0.0013
Standard Supply Service – Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

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GENERAL SERVICE LESS THAN 50 kW SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

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MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Delivery Component

Service Charge	\$	33.87
Rate Rider for Smart Metering Entity Charge – effective until October 31, 2018	\$	0.79
Rate Rider for Disposition of Residual Historical Smart Meter Costs – effective until April 30, 2016	\$	14.91
Rate Rider for Recovery of Smart Meter Incremental Revenue Requirement – effective until April 30, 2016	\$	3.78
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0116
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0010
Rate Rider for Application of Tax Change (2015) – effective until April 30, 2016	\$/kWh	(0.0001)
Rate Rider 1 for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2015) – approved on an interim basis and effective until April 30, 2016	\$/kWh	(0.0068)
Rate Rider 2 for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2015) – approved on an interim basis and effective until April 30, 2016, applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	(0.0053)
Rate Rider 3 for Disposition of Deferral and Variance Accounts (2015) – approved on an interim basis and effective until April 30, 2017	\$/kWh	(0.0023)
Rate Rider 4 for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2015) – approved on an interim basis and effective until April 30, 2018, applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	0.0066
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0062
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0032

MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Regulatory Component

Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0044
Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection Charge (RRRP)	\$/kWh	0.0013
Standard Supply Service – Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

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GENERAL SERVICE 50 to 2,999 kW SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

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MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Delivery Component

Service Charge	\$	224.32
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	2.1306
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.3506
Rate Rider for Application of Tax Change (2015) – effective until April 30, 2016	\$/kW	(0.0320)
Rate Rider 1 for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2015) – approved on an interim basis and effective until April 30, 2016	\$/kW	(2.7012)
Rate Rider 2 for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2015) – approved on an interim basis and effective until April 30, 2016, applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kW	(2.0057)
Rate Rider 3 for Disposition of Deferral and Variance Accounts (2015) – approved on an interim basis and effective until April 30, 2017	\$/kW	(0.8646)
Rate Rider 4 for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2015) – approved on an interim basis and effective until April 30, 2018, applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kW	2.5358
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	2.5338
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	1.2664
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate – Interval Metered	\$/kW	3.1213
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate – Interval Metered	\$/kW	1.4042

MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Regulatory Component

Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0044
Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection Charge (RRRP)	\$/kWh	0.0013
Standard Supply Service – Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

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MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Delivery Component

Service Charge	\$	1,473.70
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	1.3666
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.4094

MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Regulatory Component

Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0044
Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection Charge (RRRP)	\$/kWh	0.0013
Standard Supply Service – Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

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UNMETERED SCATTERED LOAD SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification refers to an account whose monthly average peak demand is less than, or is forecast to be less than, 50 kW and the consumption is unmetered. Such connections include cable TV power packs, bus shelters, telephone booths, traffic lights, railway crossings, etc. The customer will provide detailed manufacturer information/documentation with regard to electrical consumption of the proposed unmetered load. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

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MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Delivery Component

Service Charge (per connection)	\$	9.19
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kWh	0.0286
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0010
Rate Rider for Application of Tax Change (2015) – effective until April 30, 2016	\$/kWh	(0.0003)
Rate Rider 1 for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2015) – approved on an interim basis and effective until April 30, 2016	\$/kWh	(0.0066)
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Rate Rider 3 for Disposition of Deferral and Variance Accounts (2015) – approved on an interim basis and effective until April 30, 2017	\$/kWh	(0.0023)
Rate Rider 4 for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2015) – approved on an interim basis and effective until April 30, 2018, applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kWh	0.0066
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0062
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0032

MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Regulatory Component

Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0044
Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection Charge (RRRP)	\$/kWh	0.0013
Standard Supply Service – Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

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SENTINEL LIGHTING SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification refers to accounts that are an unmetered lighting load supplied to a sentinel light. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

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MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Delivery Component

Service Charge (per connection)	\$	3.29
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	9.4397
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.2816
Rate Rider for Application of Tax Change (2015) – effective until April 30, 2016	\$/kW	(0.0682)
Rate Rider 1 for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2015) – approved on an interim basis and effective until April 30, 2016	\$/kW	(2.6591)
Rate Rider 2 for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2015) – approved on an interim basis and effective until April 30, 2016, applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kW	(1.8812)
Rate Rider 3 for Disposition of Deferral and Variance Accounts (2015) – approved on an interim basis and effective until April 30, 2017	\$/kW	(0.8109)
Rate Rider 4 for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2015) – approved on an interim basis and effective until April 30, 2018, applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kW	2.3785
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.9507
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	0.9654

MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Regulatory Component

Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0044
Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection Charge (RRRP)	\$/kWh	0.0013
Standard Supply Service – Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

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STREET LIGHTING SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification refers to an account for roadway lighting with a Municipality, Regional Municipality, Ministry of Transportation and private roadway lighting operation, controlled by photo cells. The consumption for these customers will be based on the calculated connected load times the required lighting times established in the approved OEB street lighting load shape template. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

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MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Delivery Component

Service Charge (per connection)	\$	3.18
Distribution Volumetric Rate	\$/kW	8.6188
Low Voltage Service Rate	\$/kW	0.2798
Rate Rider for Application of Tax Change (2015) – effective until April 30, 2016	\$/kW	(0.0550)
Rate Rider 1 for Disposition of Deferral/Variance Accounts (2015) – approved on an interim basis and effective until April 30, 2016	\$/kW	(2.1102)
Rate Rider 2 for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2015) – approved on an interim basis and effective until April 30, 2016, applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kW	(1.7310)
Rate Rider 3 for Disposition of Deferral and Variance Accounts (2015) – approved on an interim basis and effective until April 30, 2017	\$/kW	(0.7462)
Rate Rider 4 for Disposition of Global Adjustment Account (2015) – approved on an interim basis and effective until April 30, 2018, applicable only for Non-RPP Customers	\$/kW	2.1886
Retail Transmission Rate – Network Service Rate	\$/kW	1.9235
Retail Transmission Rate – Line and Transformation Connection Service Rate	\$/kW	0.9592

MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Regulatory Component

Wholesale Market Service Rate	\$/kWh	0.0044
Rural or Remote Electricity Rate Protection Charge (RRRP)	\$/kWh	0.0013
Standard Supply Service – Administrative Charge (if applicable)	\$	0.25

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microFIT SERVICE CLASSIFICATION

This classification applies to an electricity generation facility contracted under the Ontario Power Authority's microFIT program and connected to the distributor's distribution system. Further servicing details are available in the distributor's Conditions of Service.

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MONTHLY RATES AND CHARGES – Delivery Component

Service Charge	\$	5.40
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ALLOWANCES

Transformer Allowance for Ownership - per kW of billing demand/month	\$/kW	(0.60)
Primary Metering Allowance for transformer losses – applied to measured demand and energy	%	(1.00)

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SPECIFIC SERVICE CHARGES

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Customer Administration

Arrears certificate	\$	15.00
Statement of Account	\$	15.00
Duplicate Invoices for previous billing	\$	15.00
Request for other billing information	\$	15.00
Easement Letter	\$	15.00
Income tax letter	\$	15.00
Account History	\$	15.00
Returned Cheque (plus bank charges)	\$	15.00
Legal letter charge	\$	15.00
Account set up charge/change of occupancy charge (plus credit agency costs if applicable)	\$	30.00
Special meter reads	\$	30.00
Meter dispute charge plus Measurement Canada fees (if meter found correct)	\$	30.00

Non-Payment of Account

Late Payment - per month	%	1.50
Late Payment - per annum	%	19.56
Collection of account charge – no disconnection	\$	30.00
Collection of account charge – no disconnection – after regular hours	\$	165.00
Disconnect/Reconnect Charge - At Meter - During Regular Hours	\$	65.00
Disconnect/Reconnect Charge - At Meter - After Hours	\$	185.00
Disconnect/Reconnect at pole – during regular hours	\$	185.00
Disconnect/Reconnect at pole – after regular hours	\$	415.00
Install/Remove load control device – during regular hours	\$	65.00
Install/Remove load control device – after regular hours	\$	185.00

Other

Service call – customer owned equipment	\$	30.00
Service call – after regular hours	\$	165.00
Temporary service install & remove – overhead – no transformer	\$	500.00
Temporary service install & remove – underground – no transformer	\$	300.00
Temporary service install & remove – overhead – with transformer	\$	1,000.00
Specific Charge for Access to the Power Poles – per pole/year	\$	22.35

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RETAIL SERVICE CHARGES (if applicable)

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Retail Service Charges refer to services provided by a distributor to retailers or customers related to the supply of competitive electricity

One-time charge, per retailer, to establish the service agreement between the distributor and the retailer	\$	100.00
Monthly Fixed Charge, per retailer	\$	20.00
Monthly Variable Charge, per customer, per retailer	\$/cust.	0.50
Distributor-consolidated billing monthly charge, per customer, per retailer	\$/cust.	0.30
Retailer-consolidated billing monthly credit, per customer, per retailer	\$/cust.	(0.30)
Service Transaction Requests (STR)		
Request fee, per request, applied to the requesting party	\$	0.25
Processing fee, per request, applied to the requesting party	\$	0.50
Request for customer information as outlined in Section 10.6.3 and Chapter 11 of the Retail Settlement Code directly to retailers and customers, if not delivered electronically through the Electronic Business Transaction (EBT) system, applied to the requesting party		
Up to twice a year	\$	no charge
More than twice a year, per request (plus incremental delivery costs)	\$	2.00

LOSS FACTORS

If the distributor is not capable of prorating changed loss factors jointly with distribution rates, the revised loss factors will be implemented upon the first subsequent billing for each billing cycle.

Total Loss Factor – Secondary Metered Customer < 5,000 kW	1.0602
Total Loss Factor – Primary Metered Customer < 5,000 kW	1.0496